Anti-India propaganda by Pakistan T. V. and Radio

1108. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'Jansatta' of 30th June, 1984 to the effect that anti-India propaganda is being carried on by the Pakistani T.V. and radio on a very large scale with a view to incite terrorism in India;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken by the Government of India to counteract such propaganda?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A. A. RAHIM): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) The coverage of Punjab developments by Pakistan Television and Radio was distorted, mischievious and provocative. Our concern and indignation were conveyed by the Foreign Secretary to the Pakistan Ambassador in New Delhi and to the Pakistan Foreign Office in Islamabad. It was pointed out that the malevolence displayed by Pakistan media, including their Radio and Television, was inconsistent with a policy of non-interference and was not conducive to the efforts being made for improving bilateral relations.

The Minister for Information and Broadcasting Shri H. K. L. Bhagat also took up the matter with Pakistan leaders during his visit to that country.

Foreign language interpreters' cadre

1109. DR. LOKESH CHANDRA:

DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA HEPTULLA:

SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA:

SHRI P. N. SUKUL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a cadre of foreign language interpreters was created in in June, 1978; and

(b) if so, what steps have since been taken to improve the pay scales of interpreters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A. A. RAHIM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) It is proposed to constitute a cadre of interpreters with higher pay scales than those prevailing at present. A Selection Committee chaired by a Member of the UPSC met last month to consider encadring of the interpreters serving in the Ministry.

Adoption of technologies evolved by the Central Food Technological Research Institute by the industries

1110. SHRI BIJOY KRISHNA HANDIQUE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the technologies evolved by the Central Food Technological Research Institute have been generally accepted by the industries;

(b) it not what is the percentage of adoption by industries; and

(c) what measures Government contemplate to pursuade the industries to accept these technologies?

THE MNISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE, ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHIV RAJ V. PATIL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Of sixty technologies offered by the institute through National Research Development Corporation so far, forty-nine have been taken up for exploitation.

(c) The various measure include—

(i) Financial assistance by NRDC to set up pilot plant or prototype.